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Feeney to ask Hamer to act

Mr Ted Feeney, Liberal candidate for Williamstown in the coming State election, will ask the State Government to press for the release of Crown land to Altona and Williamstown Councils.

He said the Williamstown rifle range and the Truganina explosives reserve should be freely available to the district.

"Despite considerable effort by both councils and others interested in the land, the release of the two areas doesn't seem to have progressed very far," he said.

"Regardless of the election's outcome, the local branch of the Liberal Party is now committed to the release proposal.

"If elected, the matter

would be one of my major priorities.

"We will be pressing for such a policy to be adopted by the State conference, and we will also directly approach the Liberal Government on the matter."

The Williamstown rifle range belongs to the Federal Government, Truganina reserve is owned by the State Government.

Altona Council has been fighting to gain control of Truganina for housing development since the mid-1960s. The move was approved by Mr. Hamer then, but the necessary legislation has not been passed.

No hint yet

Debate in Williamstown near centres around whether the land should be part residential, part recreational or wholly recreational.

The new Federal Government has so far given no indication of its attitude to the takeover bid from the town hall.

Mr. Feeney said yesterday he had ideas on how the two areas should be used.

"But I believe these decisions should be left in the hands of the ratepayers of Altona and Williamstown."

"Ideally, I would like to see the councils have alternative proposals prepared by consultants, and then thrown open to public debate."

"After this I would like to see the ratepayers decide — by voting in a referendum on the alternatives in conjunction with the annual council elections."

Money, too

"Maybe the land will be left in its natural state, or perhaps a combination of parkland, playgrounds and housing," Mr. Feeney said.

He sees his future role as working for the handover of the Crown property to local interest. "I also feel a strong case can be made for Government help in the development of the range and Truganina."



Sabahudin Mirvich wasn't very old when he won his place in history. He was the 50,000th baby born at the Western General hospital.

He was born at 8.15 a.m. last Wednesday, February 18, just under 23 years after the hospital, then the Footscray and District, saw its first baby.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Mirvich, who came here from Yugoslavia. They

A BABY MAKES HISTORY

live in Estelle Street, West Sunshine, and have three other children — two girls and a boy — all born at the hospital.

Mrs. A. Anderson, assistant matron midwifery, helped Sabahudin come into the

world. Mrs. Anderson also helped at the birth of Red Cameron, the hospital's first baby.

The occasion brought gifts from Red Tulip (chocolates), Marquise Knitwear (knitwear gift pack), Forges, Footscray (\$15 voucher) and the National Bank Footscray branch (\$100 account to be held until the baby is 14).

The guest of honor, Sabahudin Mirvich, with his parents and Mrs. Anderson.

\$9000 FOR NEW OFFICER

A salary of between \$2800 and \$9000 is being offered to the person who wins Altona Council's newest job — the municipal recreation officer.

The job will entail initiating and co-ordinating recreation throughout Altona.

The council will draw a subsidy of \$7500 a year from the State Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

The director of the department has already advised of Mr. Brian Dixon's ministerial approval for this year's subsidy.

But the council has not yet made its final decision on the appointment, which has been extensively advertised this month.

Quiz to Govt on rate-cut talk

Altona Council will question the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Hunt, for details of a proposal to help young families buy their own homes.

Cr. Steve Clement, has asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Hunt, requesting details of the scheme.

The proposal stems from a State Government committee investigating residential land development.

Its chairman, Mr. Geoff Hayes, MLA for Scoresby, has recommended that the Government institute a system of special rates to ease the burden on buyers of land and houses.

The proposal, if adopted by the Government, which has not yet taken any action on the matter, would involve local councils.

Councils and semi-Government authorities, like the Board of Works, would pay the cost of installing all services — water, sewerage, electricity and drainage.

The owners of the land would be able to repay the cost through a low-interest special rate over a long period.

"The question is, who provides the initial finance, and who ultimately pays the bill," Cr. Clement said.

"Councils and the Board of Works are hard pressed at present to find money for their needs."

"While it may be argued that a new housing development will gener-

ate finance for the two h o d i e s, the proposal would be breaking into a new field of financial responsibility, and therefore local government should be able to examine and comment on the scheme," he added.



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Dip into past

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Stony Creek tip; then parkland?

A grant of \$1 million is being sought by Footscray Council with the eventual aim of beautification and environmental development of Stony Creek, on the Williamstown-Footscray municipal boundary.

Pensioners save \$20,730 in rates

Altona pensioners have saved a total of \$20,730 in rates so far this year.

The rate remissions have gone to 425 pensioners, who applied for the cuts through the Altona Town Hall in Civic Parade.

The total includes \$200 remitted from the levied rate through the council's own revenue. The rest is from the State Government subsidy.

Any pensioners still wishing to make use of

the scheme must make their application before the end of March. Cr. Les Crofts, reporting at the last council meeting, complimented the town hall staff on the efficiency of the scheme in Altona.

Pensioners are helped in completing their application forms, and they have no need to go anywhere else, the claims are lodged by the staff.

The elderly may also receive up to \$20 in a fuel allowance — or to have that amount put towards their rates.

Cr. Crofts said most people use the \$20 to help pay their rates, even after these have been cut through the remission scheme.

"Therefore, the pensioner who may have a rate bill of \$100, receives \$25 off through the State Government, and a further \$20 through the council, bringing the bill down to \$55," he said.

Altona man dies

Mr. Richard Hastings Thomas, a resident of Queen Street, Altona, for 23 years, died last week, aged 83.

Originally from a small town near Birchup in the Wimmera, Mr. Thomas retired from farming and came to Altona when he was 60.

Since then he has been very active in social clubs in the area and was a member of the Altona RSL, the Altona Working Men's Club and the Altona Bowling Club.

A keen racegoer, he was a member of both the Moonee Valley and Wertheim Racing Clubs.

His wife, Ellen, died two years ago. They had been married 53 years.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his children, Dorothy, Brian, Joan, Leo and Bernard.

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TOWER AREA TO BE BEAUTIFIED

The Railways Department has agreed to lease Williamstown Council an area around the Time Ball Tower for beautification.

The lease will be on a monthly tenancy for a peppercorn rental each year.

The area will include about 100 square feet surrounding the tower.

The department has told council two sidings will have to be shortened before the land can be made available.

Altona Council has told Williamstown that a Board of Works planning officer should inspect the Kororoit Creek mouth surrounds and put forward a proposal for its protection.

Williamstown Council had applied to the board for the resoning of the mouth as a botanic reserve. Councilors have agreed with Altona's proposal.

Conditions put forward by the Education Department for the use of Williamstown High School at the dressing pavilion on the foreshore will be discussed in council's general committee.

The annex will be used for the school's integrated studies division. Councilors have objected to the department's request that the pavilion be used "solely" by the students.

The recreation and leisure committee will look into a proposal by

the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Brian Dixon, to encourage cycling in the community.

Mr. Dixon has pointed out that subsidies of \$1000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis are available for cycle paths, and asks that council review policies forbidding cycling in parks.

The town clerk, Mr. John Morley, will prepare a submission for a State Government committee appointed to inquire into Local Government rating and other sources of revenue.

Mr. T. S. Muleshy, of Park Crescent, Williamstown, has complained to council about iron bikes using roads and parks in West Williamstown.

Mr. Muleshy has also complained that stray dogs are a nuisance to him. He says the dogs are prevalent in the Park Crescent area, particularly after dark, and also in Kororoit Creek Road.

His complaints have been referred to the chief health surveyor.

The Dugan Cricket Club is again suffering vandalism by individuals and the State Electricity Commission.

A letter from the club to

councilors says: "Vandalism at the Dugan Reserve pavilion is occurring again, and it is no longer safe to leave valuable equipment."

"We again draw your attention to damage caused by SEC trucks being driven over the practice wicket on the reserve."

"Although new turf was laid to level the wickets, no roller was used, and they are now too dangerous to be used."

The matter will be referred to the environment director and parks superintendent for reports.

A suggestion by the Anti-Cancer Council that sporting grounds be

Town Council news in brief

made free of cigarette and alcohol advertisements, has been adopted by Williamstown councilors.

Cr. Ron Dawes, moving for the adoption, said it was wrong that places where children could improve their fitness and health should be the scene of cigarette advertising.

Crofts' 10 years hailed

Cr. Les Crofts, Altona's deputy mayor, and the longest-sitting councillor at the town hall, will celebrate his 10th year in office this month.

Mr. Kazimir Jurgo, a former Altona councillor, has written to the Star-Advertiser to mark the occasion.

He says: "I have known Les Crofts for the past 13 years and have worked with him since the start of his time in council."

"It has always been a pleasure to work with him because his diligent and co-operative efforts to bring better conditions to the Altona people have been eminently successful."

"Sincerely, quietly and modestly, but with dignity, Cr. Crofts had demonstrated his loyalty and abiding interest in the welfare of Altona."

"Thursday, February 26, is the 10th anniversary of his becoming Altona's first Independent councillor."

"He made the shire a city, and was its first mayor."

"I hope on this occasion all people of Altona, old or new settlers, will join with me and my family to extend to Cr. Crofts, his wife and family, warm congratulations and best wishes."

"It is our fervent hope that Cr. Crofts will continue in his service to our community."

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Take a look at the interior of new Williamstown RSL Club, at the corner of Melbourne Road and Ferguson Street.

There's almost double the floor space and the bar's a lot longer than it was.

Before you enter the main clubhouse shown in the picture, there's a spacious foyer and new, bigger administrative offices.

And all this was done

without a break in the services provided at the club.

The new building was built around and above the old one, then the original building demolished.

The re-building means more room for more members. Almost all ex-

servicemen are eligible for membership and the fees are more than reasonable.

Manager, Mr. Ken Durbie, is available to discuss membership applications or inquiries, either for the sub-branch or the club, or both.

Hurry-up note to Premier

Altona Council will ask the Premier, Mr. Hamer, for immediate action on Truganina explosives reserve.

Council wants the land, off Queen Street, to be passed into its hands for housing development.

A deputation to the Premier, on October 23, has still had no reply.

The group had asked that 60 acres of the land fronting Queen Street be made available for "much-needed" housing.

Mr. Hamer, when Minister for Local Govern-

ment in the Bolte Government during the 1960s, agreed that the land should be handed over to council for housing.

However, no go-ahead has yet come from the Government, which will have to legislate to legalise the transaction.

Cr. Ian Stewart, a member of the October deputation, told councilors at their last meeting he was "appaled" at the delay from the Government.

"I now have some

doubts about the Government's feelings on low-cost housing."

"This land is an our doorstep, and it could provide homes for struggling young families. I feel very strongly about it."

Cr. Ray Richards asked for the letter to the Premier to be couched in the strongest words.

"It's incredible really — Box Hill has no trouble with its development in any way, but we're lucky to get approval for a toilet."

"Perhaps a change of

Government at this election would be a damned good thing."

"If our local members of Parliament were the Government, I'm sure we would get development in Altona."

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Council supports Strand people

Mr. John Wylie, who lives in The Strand, Williamstown, has the support of the Williamstown Council in his fight to beat his \$500 rate bill.

Mr. Wylie said that when he retires soon, he will be forced to leave the house he could afford to build only eight years ago.

His combined municipal and Board of Works rates total \$600 — because he lives in a home in a highly valued area.

"In the near future, when I am receiving an income of only around \$2500 a year, my rates are likely to be at least half of that," he claims.

He says he is paying the equivalent of three ordinary rate bills in Williamstown.

Mr. Wylie first wrote to the council seeking reconsideration of his case last year.

The council wrote, on his behalf, to the Local Government Department, asking that rating be on the "ability-to-pay" system.

A letter to Mr. Wylie from the town hall explained that the council had no control over the present rating system, which was laid down on current house values by the State Government.

The reply to the council from the department said that no system other than the present one would work.

Mr. Wylie wrote to the council again last week asking for another approach to the Minister for Local Government, and for a council committee to hear his appeals by residents.

"The committee should have power to examine and adjust blatant anomalies," he said.

Cr. Peter Lator asked for the letter to be referred for discussion in general committee, with a report from the city valuer.

"There are other examples of unfair rates, too," he said.

"The Local Government Department's explanation for the system just doesn't ring true to me."

"How can they explain a rate of \$500 in one street

against one of \$80 just around the corner? It isn't justice."

'No control'

"If we can't find a solution with the department, then maybe a residents' action committee can — and it may just come to that."

"We may just have to ask the ratepayers to get together to fight on this one. We in council can't stir any more," Cr. Lator said.

Cr. Graham Proctor agreed that local councils "have little or no control over property values" and hence over rates.

"We also have little or no control over land speculators or their prices."

"The purchase of land in The Strand, The Esplanade and Victoria Street, for example, is costly, and means a high value is placed on the property."

"So the rates are correspondingly high. We can't compete with land speculators and the system," he said.

Wanted — an actor cat, dog

The Altona Drama Group is looking for a potential stage star — a Siamese cat, or Pekinese dog...

Auditions for the aspiring artist will be held at The Homestead, Queen Street, Altona at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

The part requires the animal to be held, unprovoked, in the arms of an actor in the show due for production during April.

'Young' 100-year-old helps frail aged



Young Mrs. Ethel Barnes — she celebrated her 100th birthday last week — will have an exhibit in the Williamstown Art Show.

Although she has been learning sculpture for only four years, the organisers are quite proud to have her work.

They say it is significant that a person of her age should aid the cause, The Hazelton Home for the Frail Aged.

Police warn on air guns

Police warned yesterday against the use of air rifles or air guns in populated areas, especially by people under 18.

The warning came after a man was shot in the ear with an air gun or rifle as he walked along Nicholson Street, Footscray, last week.

Mr. Drago Dvorkic, of Tongue Street, Yarraville was taken to Western General Hospital where a sling was removed from his ear.

He said police that he felt a sharp sting in his right ear as he walked along Nicholson Street about 3.30 p.m. last Monday.

His ear began to bleed immediately. Senior-Detective Cyril Rennie, of Footscray, is investigating.

The warning against the use of air guns and rifles was given by the chief of Footscray police, Senior Sergeant Ted Skinner.

He said they were extremely dangerous weapons and the laws on their use were clear and firm.

No person under the age of 18 could possess an air gun or rifle without a written permit from the officer in charge of the nearest police station.

If parents gave air guns or rifles to their children as gifts, they could be charged with supplying them to a minor and the children could be charged with carrying or possessing them.

The weapons did not even have to be fired for these charges to be laid.

While they were not firearms within the meaning of the Act, the same conditions applied to their use in populated areas.

It was just as serious a charge to fire an air gun or rifle in a populated area as it was to fire a firearm in the same area, and the penalties were heavy.

If someone was deliberately shot with an air gun or rifle, a charge of malicious wounding was possible and there could be other charges if a shooting was accidental.

Sen-Sgt. Skinner said. He added that if police saw youngsters with air guns, they immediately confiscated the weapons.

A new centre for advice

The Williamstown Resource Centre will open at a public meeting in the main hall of the Newport library on Tuesday, March 2, at 7.30 p.m.

The library, in Mason Street near the railway station, will be the home of the centre.

Mrs. Barbara Spalding, director of the Victorian Council of Social Services, will be guest speaker at the public meeting.

The resource centre will be a community advice, information and aid service run by a committee initially funded by the Federal Government.

105 kph at .120

A man with a blood alcohol reading of .120 drove his car at between 80-105 kph in Williamstown. He was fined a total of \$60 in the court on Thursday.

Johann Fiedler, electrician, of Grigg Street, Seddon, also lost his licence for eight months.

Constable Roger Brown of the mobile traffic police, told Mr. D. Scully, SM, he followed a Ford Falcon in Kororoit Creek Road at 8.30 p.m. on November 26.

Between Victoria and Florence streets the car's speed in the 60 kmh zone was between 80 and 105 kmh.

"I intercepted the driver, Johann Fiedler, and while talking to him I noticed the smell of liquor on his breath."

"At a breathalyser test at the mobile traffic police headquarters on The Strand, Williamstown, Fiedler's reading was .120."

"I asked him his reasons for driving while over .05 and for exceeding the speed limit. To both questions he answered that I just wanted to get home."

Fiedler told Mr. Scully that night in question was "special".

"A friend had come back from overseas, and I borrowed my wife's grandmother's car to take us to the celebration."

"I didn't feel drunk going home, and in 10 years of driving I have never been charged," he said.

Mr. Scully pointed out that 105 kmh was "a pretty high speed".

Fiedler: "That was only

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The Gulls, Williamstown Football Club supporters' group, appeals urgently for help from Williamstown people.

"We need your help right now," said the Gulls' president, Mr. George Bird.

The Gulls have already done much to the club but they can do much more if they can get a wider base in the Williamstown community.

Gulls' membership costs \$5.00 (men) and \$2.50 (women).

Objects of the Gulls are:

- To help obtain and retain players for the club.
- Promote the WFC among local and junior bodies.

Members of the Gulls are entitled to two patrons' season tickets, two children's tickets and a special medallion, admittance to all Gull functions, freedom of the club rooms on match days while wearing the medallion; a periodical news letter; an annual general and financial report of Gulls' activities.

If you want to know more about The Gulls, ring George Bird (397 7232), Ray Marr (391 1933), Ron Stewart (397 5443), Arthur Johnson (397 5312) or Fred Holdsworth (397 7601).

To join, send your personal details, address and cheque payable to the Gulls to Mr. Marr, the treasurer, at 473 Melbourne Road, Newport, 3015.

Royal stamps go on show

Altona district stamp collectors will start the new year with a display of British stamps from Queen Victoria to George the Fifth, presented by Mr. G. Hewson.

The display will be on show at the Altona and District Philatelic Society's next meeting Thursday, February 26, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The programme includes an auction, Mr. Hewson's display, refreshments and circuit sheets.

The December and January meetings were well attended, with sales among members well up to standard.

A number of new members were enrolled in December and January, but the society is still looking for new members, particularly juniors.

December competitions resulted: Senior Display, Ray Gillis, 1; Ken Smithies, 2; Joe Findling, 3. Junior display, Jane Murrell, 1.

Visitors are always welcome and any information on the society can be obtained from 391 7134.

Mardi gras plans

A wide-ranging programme is being organised for the Bacchus Marsh Mardi Gras on Saturday, March 13.

7.30 p.m.: Frank Traynor's Jazz Band and local pop band will start with music and continue to about midnight.

8.30 p.m.: Small children to dance the cokey cokey.

9 p.m.: Sword fighting display by Kryal Castle.

10 p.m.: Organised group to display jazz dancing.

The street plan will consist of various food vans, jazz display, historical display, gas balloons, children's amusements, lion park display, glider display, stage demonstrations and PA system.

There will also be art and craft demonstrations including glass blowing, a leathercraft worker, artist, potter, sculptor.

The organisers are negotiating for additions to the programme such as a visit by the 1976 Moomba queen, a display of vintage cars, static floats, ethnic dance groups and TV personalities.

Careers are her business

Ms. Peta Price is careers teachers appointed by the Education Department, one of 65 full-time, to high and technical schools in Victoria.

Ms. Price is a careers teacher at Williamstown Technical School. The Deputy Director of Secondary Education, Mr. Jack Ford, said that the scheme began last year. The task of careers teachers is to develop suitable programmes in schools including teaching about careers and keeping records on students.

Mr. Ford said he hoped the careers teachers would see students into their first jobs.

\$9000 for tennis

The State and Federal Governments have approved a \$9000 grant for the construction of a tennis pavilion at Dennis Reserve. In notifying State MLA for Williamstown (Mr. Gordon Stirling), the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Brian Dixon, said he department and the Federal counterpart would each contribute \$4500.

PWP events

A cricket challenge between 20 school and women and a discussion night of welfare rights will highlight the week for members of Gellibrand branch of Parents Without Partners.

Coming events are: Wednesday, February 25, learn to dance at Newport; Friday, February 27, senior night at Carmen's; Saturday, February 28, party at Kay's; Sunday, February 29, cricket challenge at Gisborne, meet 10.30 a.m. behind Cole in Footscray; Tuesday, March 2, discussion night at Williamstown; Ring Elaine, 308 4425, for venues.

My City

• Laurie Slee ... WILLIAMSTOWN

Talking with a group of men the other day the matter of my interest in starting an emergency relief service came up. They enlightened my ignorance in no uncertain terms.

At least seven times in recent years someone has suggested the same idea and still the service has not even begun.

I don't mind telling you that soothed my ego and stimulated my thoughts.

The chief reason for failure to accept the need for such a service in this particular city was that there is sufficient community goodwill for this to happen without delay.

It seems, from what my friends were saying, that the local community welfare and service clubs and organisations, the council and its officers will spring into action within minutes. This is great — if it is really so.

Our city is a marvellous city if co-ordinating committees are unnecessary. With so much greed and selfishness around one is pleasantly surprised to learn of the rugged grassroots co-operation that always stands ready.

I just hope that it is not a mirage.

• Vera Wells ... ALTONA

Have you felt tired and hot when shopping in Pier Street?

Well, just take a stroll down to Logan Reserve — mostly called just "the park" or "the old homestead park."

St. for a while and think of the memories it must hold — from the days when those lovely, shady, old trees were planted by the pioneers who built the homestead to the present.

One of my memories is of the old Russian man who used to sit for hours on the grass under the trees plucking on an old one-string fiddle, and singing to himself.

His name was Chelchaboff but everyone called him Old Chicky. On a hot day he would take a swim, clothes and all, and then return to his fiddle.

The old homestead was owned for years by Cummings Smith, of Yarraville. It had a high fence and along the Pier Street side were rows of old tram bars used by the company's employees as holiday accommodation.

The property was formally closed to the general public. The first time I can recall its being open to us residents was when permission was given to Mr. Eric Symonds, about 45 years ago, to conduct an outdoor New Year community-singing night on the lawn under the trees near the pier corner. A big event in those days.

Today this is our park, thanks to the foresight of a past council, and thanks to the men who care for it so well, it's a place to be proud of.

Another lovely corner of Altona.



Teacher shortage a fact, says MLA

Teacher shortages in the west are a fact, not a myth, despite the posturing of the State Government, Mr. Gordon Stirling MLA, for Williamstown, said.

"I have only contacted two schools about their staff problems so far, but both are battling under glaring deficiencies," he said.

"So I can say that at least two schools — Paisley High, a new school by the way and Williamstown High — are short on teachers.

"This is contrary to assurances given in the Press on January 28 by Mr. Thompson to the Liberal candidate for Williamstown.

The Minister said then there would be no lack of teachers, and that even the suggestion was a myth.

ABOVE: Cheryl Falchor, 22, took advantage of the week-end sunshine to bask on the rocks at Point Gellibrand. She is from Pickett Street, Footscray. Both Altona and Williamstown beaches have been given clean "bills of health" in the latest EPA pollution reports.

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Support needed

All young people aged 15 to 25 who support the aims of the ALP have been urged to join the Young Labor Association by its Gellibrand Branch chairman, Paul Haseloff.

Paul stressed the increasing need for assistance in representing the views of Labor supporters. He said the immediate ways young people could assist the Labor movement are:

- Keeping well informed of the activities of the Fraser and Hamer governments and speaking out against those which threaten economic, environmental or social security.
- Assisting the development of ALP policies which reflect the views of young people.
- Participating in the election campaign to help elect a Labor Government in Victoria.

The YLA can be contacted by phoning the branch secretary, Garry Little 397 8191 AH, or chairman, Paul Haseloff, 314 6193 AH.

Surprise party for Mrs. Mills

After the monthly meeting of the Altona RSL Women's Auxiliary, a surprise party was held for Mrs. Maude Mills, the oldest member, for her 85th birthday. One of the RSL men made the birthday cake.

HISTORICAL WILLIAMSTOWN



THE TIME BALL TOWER EST 1852

After the discovery of gold, and the upsurge in maritime business it caused, a local time signal was needed at Williamstown — hence the building of the Time Ball Tower — the district's landmark (see story inside).



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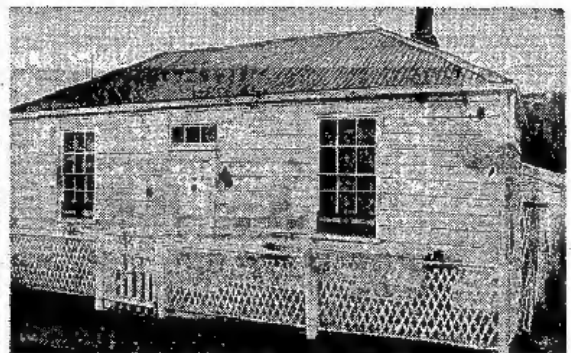
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● The cottage at 3 Cox's Gardens, built between 1851-52, and protected for future generations by the recent Historic Buildings Preservation Act.

Storm over slow mail —threat to secede

Williamstown once threatened to secede from Victoria and set up a separate British colony because of delays in mail deliveries.

The move to secede was made in 1855 although agitation was going on for many years before then.

Before separation from NSW, settlers in the Port Phillip district had a poor deal in their mail services.

Voyages by sailing ships from England took four months and longer.

That was bad enough, but the ships by-passed Port Phillip Bay and went direct to Sydney.

From Sydney the mail was brought overland by mail rider or mail cart.

News from England was six months old by the time it got to Port Phillip.

To make matters worse, extra postage was charged for the overland delivery. Port Phillip settlers had to pay five or six times the normal charge.

This made the people of Williamstown hopping mad.

Gold was found in Victoria in the early 1850s. Victoria became a separate colony in July, 1851, and Melbourne got a direct and more or less regular mail service.

But it didn't suit Williamstown, the port of Melbourne. Mail was put on to a small cutter in Hobson's Bay, taken ashore at what is now Port Melbourne and moved by dray to the GPO.

This meant days of delay for Williamstown.

Public meetings were held to protest. In the chair was Thomas Mason, Williamstown's fighting seceder, described in the Melbourne Argus as a man of indefatigable zeal.

Mason, a Londoner, had opened a general store and post office in Nelson Place opposite the present GPO Pier.

A petition about the mail was sent to England in a specially designed and printed envelope.

It failed and meetings seeking secession from Victoria were held.

But the mail service did improve and Williamstown was created a borough.

Mason became chairman of the council and later sat in the Legislative Assembly.

Work on the charming post office in Cole Street was begun in 1859 and it opened in 1860.

Any complaints about the mail?

*Ned wouldn't
'doff his hat
to the 'beak'*

Edwin Bath, the man who gave his name to Bath Place, beside the town hall, was the first offender hauled before magistrate, Captain Gordon.

IN THE 1840s Ned had committed an unforgivable sin... he hadn't doffed his hat to the magistrate.

Captain Gordon was Williamstown's first water police magistrate, and he gained a solid reputation as an unbending disciplinarian.

He was a former officer with the Royal Navy.

Bath was reprimanded for failing to remove his hat — but it made no real difference to him...

He never doffed his hat to Gordon. And Gordon never charged him for it again.

Ned arrived at Williamstown in 1838 aboard the revenue cutter, Ranger.

When the vessel was off the Pope's Eye, it helped the stranded barque Britannia and finally got her out of trouble.

Ned, one of the best men aboard, received special thanks for his technical aid and good seamanship.

He settled down at Williamstown after buying the property now known as Bath Place.

Pirates

The Britannia, the barque Ned helped free in 1838, went missing on a voyage from Hobson's Bay to Hobart in 1840.

She is believed to have been taken by Bass Strait pirates or hired ashore by failed lights rigged up by wreckers on Preservation Island.

THE CONVICT LOTTERY

The history of transportation of convicts to Australia is a web of interlocking influences and conflicting interests. It is often a tale of short, brutal events but times were naturally hard as 157,000 convicts laboured to build a new colony.

This Friday, "The Age" publishes a double page lift-out called "The Convict Lottery".

Packed with illustrations, it examines the crimes and punishment — the penal settlements — the prisons within a prison land; the hopes, aspirations and influences of the Governors; and the Macconnachie experiment, credited with evolving many basic tenets of prison reform.

Beer over the water

The transport of beer by sea to Williamstown began in the very early days of white settlement — there are records of it back as far as 1840, less than five years after settlement began.

And it is known that before this, beer had been shipped from Tasmania to Williamstown, with alternative supplies coming in by sea from Sydney Town.

After the Marine Penal Stockade became brewery, there was a regular trade between Williamstown and Port Melbourne (then Sandridge) and Melbourne.

Two small steamers, the *Hope* and *Clyde*, carried most of the beer in the early stages.

One David Buchanan and Peter Wilkins bought the *Clyde*, a tug, in 1872 to cope with the trade.

She was built in 1867 and was replaced as a tug by a larger, clinker-built vessel launched from the Williamstown yard of William White in 1883.

Another boat used in the beer trade was the *Amy*, owned by Peter Wilkins and later by his widow, Mary.

The *Amy* had a varied career and played many roles in old Melbourne and Williamstown.

TO 'CUP'

These included, in addition to the beer trade, taking crews up the Maribyrnong River to

Flemington Racecourse for such events as the Melbourne Cup.

She was also used to carry Sunday School picnic parties to the dense scrub that existed on the Port Melbourne side of the river, opposite Newport.

Another tug engaged in the beer transport trade was the *Asia*, a smart little vessel with a green-painted hull and tall, thin funnel.

Her skipper was Gus Hetopp and she was easily recognised when fighting her way up the Yarra against the current by the dense, black smoke that billowed from her funnel.

The *Prince Alfred*, built at Williamstown in 1887, was another vessel to carry kegs of beer.

Others were the *Mystic*, built locally in 1876, and the iron steamer, *Spec*.

However, the vessel best known in the trade at that time was the 'Williamstown Beer Boat' — her registered name was *Oscar* — owned by well-known churchman John J. White.

This vessel was originally built at Footscray,

as a wooden steamer; in 1874 but her engines were never really powerful enough for what she was intended.

When one of the other beer transport, the *Pilot* became a total constructive loss while attempting to salvage the *Cape Verde* wreck, her engines were transferred to the *Oscar*.

CEASED

In later years the brewery at the stockade ceased production and became a store for Carlisle and United Breweries.

It was at this time two new names entered the list of beer boats, the *Milnah* and *Agnes*, owned by McEwan and Morwick. They operated from Gem Pier.

The *Agnes* was lost during the 1930s when, after being converted to a fishing vessel, she ran on to a reef behind the rifle range and became a total loss.

Within a day of being lost, her remains were scavenged by nearby residents.

Even the tall, steel mast vanished, to reappear as a local flagstaff. It is still in use.

All aboard the old Packet!



The Steam Packet Hotel itself is only 115 years old, but the cellar — sporting massive timber beams — is 137.

The Steam Packet, at the corner of Cole and Aitken streets, is a direct descendant of the Ship Inn, one of the district's earliest pubs.

The Inn was built in 1838, and not long after was remodelled to become the Steam Packet.

After a fire destroyed most of the building in 1880, the hotel was rebuilt in 1881 to remain as it still is today.

The father of the present owners, brothers Dick and John Crewes took over from the Staughton family before World War I.

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Classified

The following is a list of the buildings and monuments in Williamstown classified or recorded by the National Trust:

CLASSIFIED (MUST BE PRESERVED) —

Tide Gauge House (1860), Commonwealth Reserve.

Customs House (1874), Nelson Place.
Time Ball Tower (1852), Point Gellibrand).
Cottages (1851), 3 Cox's Gardens.
Old Mosque (1859), Ann Street.
Advertiser Building (1874), Nelson Place.
Presbyterian Manse (1857), 27 Lyons Street.
House (1851), 64 Pascoe Street.
Steam Packet Hotel (1861), Cole Street.
Mandaley (1859), 24 The Strand.
House (pre 1851), 1 Yarra Street.
Holy Trinity (1871), Nelson Place.
House (1850), 231 Nelson Place.
Drinking fountain, Nelson Place.

RECORDED (PRESERVATION ENCOURAGED) —

Albion (1880), 70 The Strand.
Holy Trinity vicarage (1878), Nelson Place.
ANZ bank (1877), Nelson Place.
House, 80 Electro Street.
House, formerly Mac's Hotel (1859), corner Shoredale-Macquarie streets.
Mechanics' Institute (1859) Electro Street.
Shop, 133-7 Nelson Place.
Prison of Wales Hotel (pre 1859), Nelson Place.
House, 12 The Strand.
Whitehouse (1807), 5 The Strand.
Oddfellows' Hall (1863), 26 Pascoe Street.
Williamstown Grammar School (1887), 65 The Strand.
Welsh Church (1886), Ferguson Street.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1871), Cecil Street.

Although the Trust's findings have no legal force, five buildings are legally protected by the recently enacted Historic Buildings Act.

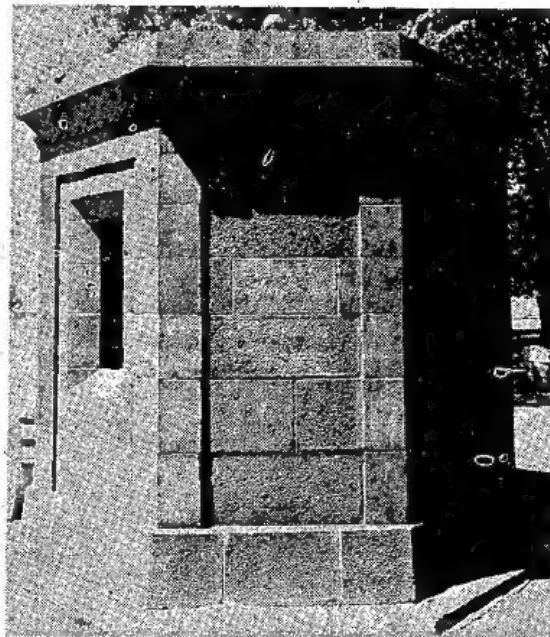
They are: Mandaley, 3 Cox's Gardens, The Presbyterian Manse in Lyons Street, Tide Gauge House and 231 Nelson Place.

The trust is also considering classifying or recording the following buildings, after submissions by the City Historian, Mr. Bill Evans.

The Victoria Inn, Douglas Parade, the Cenotaph, Ferguson Street; the former Telegraph Hotel, Hammer Street; 6 Hammer Street; 13 The Esplanade; the Congregational Church; Shoredale Street; Macquarie Temple, Electro Street; MacLean Obelisk, Ferguson Street; Craigantia buildings, Nelson Place; Battery Road retaining wall, Point Gellibrand; Rineola, Lyons Street, and the Alfred Gracing Dock, Nelson Place.

The old
Town

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feature



● Tide Gauge House, on Commonwealth Reserve, built in 1860, is protected by the recent Historic Buildings Act.

The Trust's eye roves

A team of research scouts from the National Trust can be seen most weekends roving the streets of Williamstown seeking out history.

So far, Town has 14 buildings and monuments classified by the trust — the 15th, "Martimo" (1885), was demolished despite a strong fight by the trust and Williamstown's own historical society.

Recorded in the trust books are another 18 buildings, and a further 13 are still under study.

The Point Gellibrand region was first used for pastoral purposes in 1835.

The main impetus for development of the area was the need for port facilities to serve the township of Melbourne, and as the port facilities grew, so did Williamstown.

The National Trust classified list is made up of "those parts of the physical environment, both natural and man-made, which, in the trust's view, are essential to the heritage of Australia, and which must be preserved."

Williamstown Council's residential code demands that new developments "must as far as possible sympathise with the established character" of the area.

The city's strategy plan, prepared last year by consultants Gunn and

May 5/11, says several streets should be conserved:

It recommends The Strand, the Victoria-Osborne streets region, Peel Street and the Verden-Lyons Street area be preserved for their "significant aesthetic appeal".

The strategy plan also recommends conservation of Railway Place, Railway Crescent and the Power-Court streets region.

"Williamstown has many examples of a particular form of timber housing, with lacework verandahs," it says.

"The historic significance of this will increase as it is realised that this form of housing is disappearing in other seaside suburbs."

"The uniqueness of the Williamstown examples is that many terrace houses are relatively intact and structurally sound," the plan says.

The trust's policy on classification of streets or regions as a whole is for the recommendation to be presented by a local organisation — an historical society or local council.

"We don't like to butt in and suddenly announce something of this kind, it calls for diplomacy because all sorts of complications can arise," a trust spokesman told the Advertiser.

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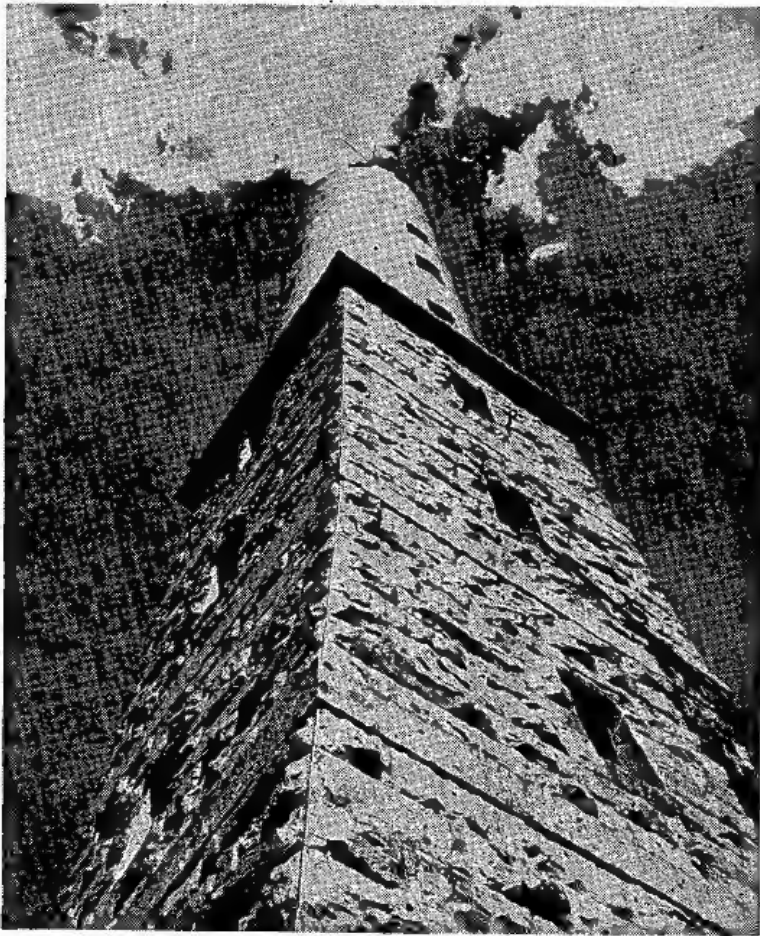
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● THE LIGHTHOUSE and timeball tower, standing near the sea, was the main landmark of old Williamstown.

Tower of history



● THIS PLAQUE commemorating Charles La Trobe was placed on the Timeball Tower last December.

Time and light

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Advertiser feature

The timeball tower and lighthouse, the most conspicuous of Williamstown's historic monuments, was a vital aid to shipping for many decades.

Shipping to Melbourne got a big boost after the discovery of gold and it became necessary to provide standard and authorised time by which ships' chronometers could be read and adjusted.

Ships' chronometers were generally set to mean time at Greenwich — calculated in those days as a difference of 9 hours 39 minutes, 34.8

seconds behind Melbourne.

Governor La Trobe chose R. J. J. Ellery, an English medical practitioner, to set up at Williamstown and run an astronomical observatory for nautical purposes.

Ellery took up his duty in 1853. Observations for obtaining correct local time were made at the observatory at first with sextant, artificial horizon and chronometer but much more sophisticated equipment was obtained in 1858.

In its time, the

Williamstown observatory was considered the best in the southern hemisphere.

It was dismantled in 1900 and all gear removed to the Melbourne Observatory, where Ellery took charge.

The signal to ships for noon at Point Gellibrand was the dropping of a ball. This was observed by telescope from the Melbourne Flagstaff, 4½ miles distant, and a ball was dropped there, too.

In June, 1854, a second kind of time signal was adopted; it consisted in eclipsing the light of the lighthouse every night at 7.58 p.m. and suddenly exposing the light at 8 o'clock.

This striking signal could be observed from considerable distances and could be seen from positions where the timeball signal was obscured by mists.

An electric telegraph linked the observatory with Melbourne in 1854.

Eventually maritime timeballs at Williamstown, Melbourne and Geelong were connected by telegraph with the Melbourne Observatory. The timeball apparatus at Williamstown operated regularly until 1920.

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Clark's big comeback

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This statue is of a man who worked for the Customs Department in Williamstown in the mid 1800s, had an argument with the harbor master, threatened to "come back as boss" — and did.

He was Alfred Thomas Clark, Williamstown's representative in the Legislative Assembly from March, 1871, to October, 1887.

The statue — larger than life — was unveiled in July, 1891, by Sir Matthew Davies, then Speaker in the Legislative Assembly. It is in Williamstown Botanical Gardens.

Clark was the son of an expert engraver, who executed several commissions for the Czar of Russia.

On arrival in Australia,

he painted a portrait of Sir Henry Barkly that became the property of the National Gallery.

Alfred Clark paid for his education by painting scenery for Melbourne theatres.

He later made several voyages as a seaman and in 1857 was one of those who headed for Port Curtis when the gold rush started.

On his return to Williamstown he worked for a time with the shipchandlery of H. B. Donaldson, then joined the Customs Department.

But he came into conflict with the harbor master and resigned with the threat he would come back as "boss of the show".

He made "good" this threat after entering Parliament in 1871 — the first year MPs were paid — and soon became Minister for Customs.

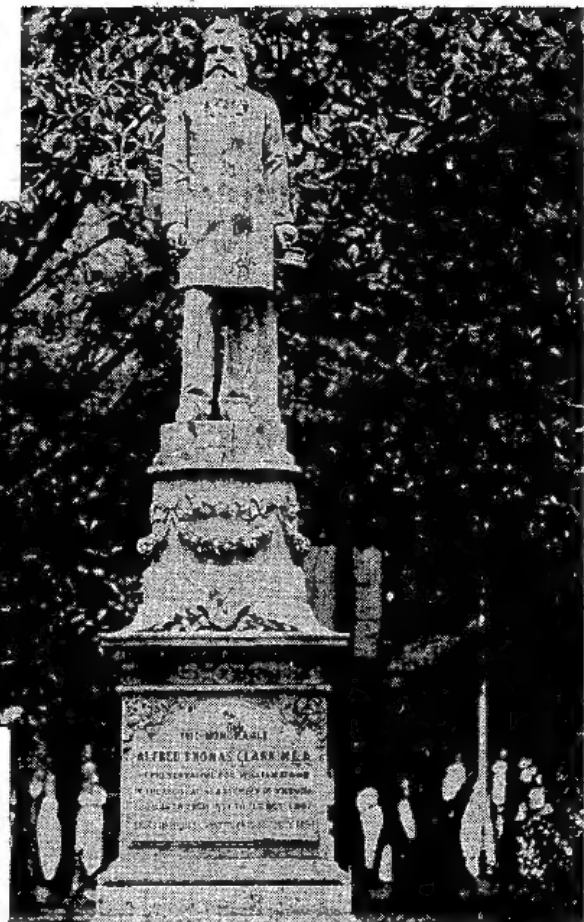
Clark died at sea in 1888 while traveling to England in the RMS Oceanic.

The statue, carved from Carrara marble, was sculptured by Enrico Luccinelli working from a photograph.

It stands 22ft. 6in. high over all and is handsomely carved.

But since Clarke was placed on his pedestal more than 80 winners have no doubt chilled him into icy recognition that public applause is a fleeting thing.

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A bad port for ships

Most geographers in the early days of Port Phillip settlement, had a poor opinion of Williamstown.

The following extract, from a book published in England more than 110 years ago, is no exception: "Melbourne is a bad shipping port — only small vessels can ascend the Yarra-Yarra, the greater number being obliged to load and unload at William's Town."

"William's Town stands at the mouth of the Yarra, on a low sand-flat which stretches into Hobson's Bay, and is unattractive in appearance."

"The neighboring villages of St. Kilda and Brighton are prettily situated."

"The Yarra-Yarra flows into the head of Port Phillip, and has the town of Melbourne on its banks. Its lower course is navigable for vessels not exceeding 150 tons burthen, and by steamers of light draught to a distance of eight miles inland — at which Melbourne is situated."

"This portion of its channel lies between high and level banks of soft mud, which terminate abruptly on the edge of the stream, and are overgrown with mangrove and other weedy vegetation."

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Scurvy hit 'Dayspring' and 21 died

The deaths of two Chinese passengers on board the ship *Dayspring* in Hobson's Bay in the 1860s, resulted in an inquest, held at the Pier Hotel, Williamstown.

The report of the court hearing, which found the men had died of scurvy (lack of vitamin C), said:

The investigation of the circumstances connected with the deaths of two Chinese named Chong Ah Yon and Sam Yek, deceased at the Pier Hotel before Dr. Maclean, the district coroner.

Senior-constable Minto stated that he had visited the Melbourne Hospital, where he saw Mr. William Langdon, one of the cabin passengers of the *Dayspring*.

He went there for the purpose of serving him with a notice to attend the inquest, when that gentleman observed that

he was unable to leave the hospital, and therefore he could not at-

testify. Witness then obtained from the resident physician the certificate produced.

The coroner remarked to the jury that an adjournment had been closing the inquest a. once, made for the purpose of the evidence of desired to make any statement, cautioning him in the usual way.

treatment of passengers during the voyage.

It was unfortunate that he was still unable to be removed from the hospital, and he (the coroner) had some doubts as to whether it would be advisable to again adjourn the inquiry, or close the proceedings at once.

Mr. Stephen (who again appeared for the captain), remarked that if the inquiry was to be adjourned again, it was desirable that a post mortem examination be made upon the bodies.

Several of the jurymen complained of the great inconvenience they had already been put to, and

insisted in being compelled to sacrifice three afternoons' work in attending these inquiries.

The coroner, after some hesitation, decided upon adjournment, and asked the captain if he desired to make any statement, cautioning him in the usual way.

Stephen, declined to do so. The coroner then proceeded to sum up the evidence, in doing so he drew the attention of the jury to all the principal points contained in the statement of the witnesses.

'Strongly marked'

Dr. Maclean stated that he had considerable experience in scorbutic complaints among almost every race of men, and he never met with a case in which scurvy was more strongly marked than it was among the passengers on board the *Dayspring*.

He pointed out that the want of water and fire

accelerated the complaint, and showed the captain's carelessness of the lives and health of the passengers and crew entrusted to his keeping.

He omitted to touch at every port on his route, where fresh provision and water might have been obtained, and even when off our own port, he neglected to hoist a signal of distress, whereby succor might have been afforded the

vessel.

After an hour's consultation, returned the following verdict:

"We are of the opinion

that the deaths of the two Chinese passengers on board the *Dayspring* were caused by scurvy; and we think that the captain is very much to blame in not having called in some port to obtain provisions and assistance, seeing that the vessel was becalmed for 28 days in the China Seas, and after having put all hands on short rations."

"We are also of the opinion that the captain

was guilty of manslaughter on board."

This verdict, being equivalent to manslaughter, the captain was at-

once committed to the Williamstown lock-up. Footnote: Mr.

The captain was charged at Williamstown with throwing three of the bodies overboard — two at Queenscliff, and one in Hobson's Bay. The magistrate, Mr. Mollison said the "third complaint, of throwing a body into Hobson's Bay, was the most flagrant offence of all, and one that must be checked."

He fined the captain £50; in default, he was to be imprisoned for three months.

Fountain graces Nelson Place

ABOVE: The intricately designed drinking fountain in Nelson Place has been dated as "about 1860", and is listed for preservation by the National Trust. It was erected in memory of the Rev. George Wilkinson.

"Prince" features iron latticework

RIGHT: The Prince of Wales Hotel, opposite the Naval Dockyards in Nelson Place, once used to sport a wrought iron latticework verandah as well as its balcony. It was built before 1860, and has been recommended for preservation by the National Trust.



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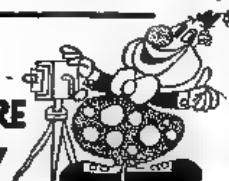


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The bodies were all buried from the original Williamstown burying ground at Point Gellibrand and reinterred in

the vault in September, 1858.

They were the unclaimed bodies. Many others were reinterred in private graves, paid for by relatives.

Included in the remains in the mass vault of the victims of the dreaded "Yellow Jack" convicts who died at sea and after

arriving, seamen and civilians.

One of the several headstones moved from the old cemetery records the death of a young warder, killed by convicts.

Removal of the cemetery was financed by the Victorian Railways, which wanted the land.

The Point Gellibrand cemetery had not been used for many years — the present one was opened in 1858 — and it was thought there would be only about 100 bodies to shift.

But when the contractors moved in, they found up to half-a-dozen bodies in the grave.

DAYLIGHT

The result was that well over 1000 bodies were exhumed and buried again at the Champion Road cemetery.

The removals took place in daylight, by horse-drawn carts, covered with canvas.

A few people in Williamstown remember the carts carrying the dead, rattling along Ferguson Street and many more have been told of it by their parents.

Some graves at the Champion Road cemetery date back as far as 1842. They were removed from the old cemetery.

History records that when exhumations began at Point Gellibrand it was found many people had been buried as they died.

Skeletons of convicts still had the leg irons on them. A carpenter's rule was found in the pocket of clothing on another skeleton.

Coins were found in many scraps of clothing.

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Several leaden coffins were among those removed and what was first thought to be one of these proved a surprise.

It was not a coffin, but layer-over-layer of canvas which had been painted with a grey, lead-based paint.

It contained the body of a woman, which had been embalmed in spirit — historians think probably rum — and was in perfect condition and as hard as wood.

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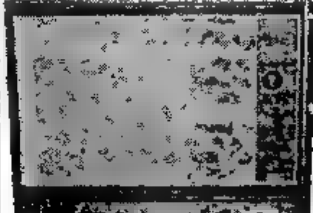
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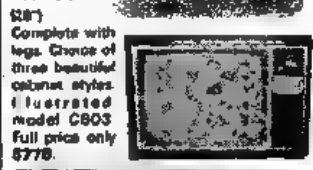
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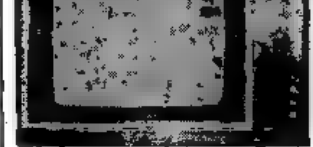
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Out-of-work boatmen, smoking their pipes in the shade of the mosque, were the first sight greeting visitors landing from the steamer in the 1860s.

The sight did not impress the Williamsown Chronicle journalist of the day, and he looked forward to the new customs house (1874) which would abate the steamer landing.

Says the Chronicle on October, 1873:

"The contractor for this building (Mr Porter) is energetically pushing on with his work. The foundations are nearly all laid and in a short time the bricklayers will be at work."

The building, when finished will form one of the most handsome edifices to be found in the district. It is situated in Nelson Place at its junction with the entrance to the old steamboat wharf and will extend a length over all of 71 feet along

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the former, by 55 feet along the latter.

"On the ground floor fronting the street is situated the long room, the tide-inspector's room, and the business room, while towards the pier the tide surveyor will find a place, as well as the guard room."

"At the back will be the storeroom, dining-room, kitchen &c. The pilot offices are situated on the second floor also rooms for private accommodation of Mr Rose, the Customs House Officer."

"The outside of the building is to be dressed with the best cement, and the monotony will be relieved by architectural moulding of a pretty cast. A commanding outlook is to be built on the top of the entire structure, and this will command a fine view of the surrounding parts."

"That portion of the Customs House fronting Nelson Place will be enclosed within a neat iron palisading, and provision is to be made for lighting the entrance by means of two lamps erected on stone pillars."

● Her Majesty's Customs "One of the most handsome edifices to be found in the district."

"We learn that some difficulty was experienced by the contractor in laying the foundation, it having to be built on the solid rock, and in some places a depth of 15 ft had to be gone through before it was obtained."

The bluestone used in the foundation has been obtained from the local quarries, and reflects credit on the neighborhood.

When the structure is completed, Williamsown will display a much more creditable appearance to visitors than it did when a few unemployed boatmen were smoking their pipes under the shelter of the mosque constructed the first impressive scene which met one's eye on landing from the steamer.

In connection with this work, it should be justice

be stated that every praise is to be accorded to Mr A. T. Clark, M.L.A., for the energetic way in which he has interested himself with the Government in order to get it finished as rapidly as possible, and when the officials take up their quarters there, we have no doubt that his efforts will be recognized in a suitable manner."

This thoroughfare was previously listed as Nelson's Parade. The plan of Williamsown, 1855, locates the Customs Reserve at the corner of Thompson Street where the Craigendina building now stands. Gossett remained in office until (Circa) 1874. The new Customs House was opened for business, 1874. A. Rose had succeeded Gossett as tide inspector, leading surveyor and emigration officer. On the site of this present Customs House the first Presbyterian Church at Williamsown was held in a boat shed, 1858.



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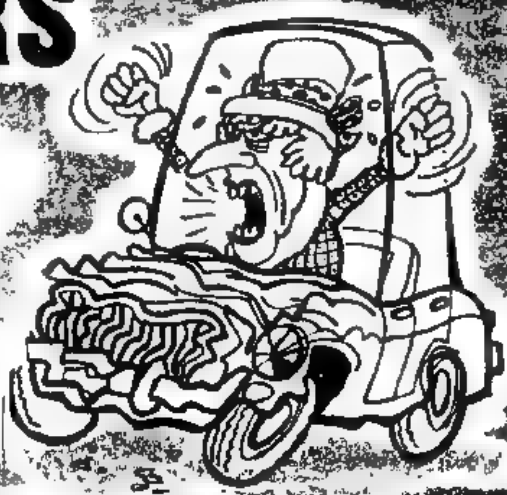
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Williamstown's "splendid homes", punt clubs and "impressive town hall" were three attractions not to be missed on a visit to the city during the 1930s.

In information Victoria, a tourist guide published during the 1930s, Williamstown was described as an important seaside, shipping and industrial city.

"It has several good shipping centres, splendid homes, a Domestic Arts, four State and a High School, two Convents, four Banks and an impressive Town Hall," the book states.

Town could also boast of Baths, a splendid beach (popular with tourists and picnickers), a Mechanics Institute with Library, a Children's Library, Cemetery, Racecourse, Rifle range and Botanical and other gardens.

Industries, said Information Victoria, included implement, monumental, glass, canning and ammonia works, flour mills, a lute factory and quarries.

Hobson's Bay offered good fishing, and yacht and punt clubs were available.

There were three hospitals: Newport, Sister C. Bamford in Oxford Street, Williamstown — Sister L. Flower in Lyons Street and the Misses M. G. and M. O'Neill in Hannan Street.

Physicians and Surgeons abounded. One could choose from Dr. G. Robinson, in Douglas Parade (phone W 1000), Dr. R. Long, Parker Street, Dr. D. Coutts, Nelson Place (Dr. Coutts was still in practice only weeks before his death last year), Dr. R. Maynard, Hall Street, and Dr.



Kranie in Ferguson Street.

Newport was served by Dr. L. Jeel in North Road and Dr. Long in Melbourne Road.

Two theatres, the Plaza in Melbourne Road, and the Williamstown, in Ferguson Street, both proudly announced they were equipped to screen "talkies".

● The main totalisator building at the Williamstown Racecourse in 1934. The old course, on the west, mouth of Korororo Creek, now belongs to Aitona and is being developed as a sporting complex.

Case of death

Smuggling of ex-convicts from Launceston in Tasmania, to Williamstown in Victoria, was common during the 1840s.

Relatives and friends of an ex-convict, "operating" on the borderlines of business, used such cases to smuggle the unfortunate over Bass Strait.

More than one of these attempts ended in tragedy.

A lonely Melbourne man, described in the records as a plenary, tried to smuggle his de facto wife, Mrs. Nancy Robertson, across the Strait. He had a roomy case.

specially padded for the trip and this was shipped aboard the Shamrock. Captain Gilmour was the man in charge of the ship.

During the Shamrock's passage between Launceston and Melbourne, the smell of decomposition was noticed coming from the case.

It was opened, and Mrs. Robertson's body buried at sea.

Nancy had been very drunk when packed away in her special case. Captain Gilmour reported the death and its circumstances when the vessel arrived at Williamstown.

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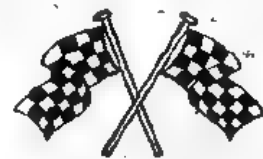
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A home built to last

Ashton Cottage, a house of rough-hewn bluestone at 64 Pasco Street is just one of Williamstown's buildings classified by the National Trust.

The builder Thomas Morris was contracted by George Ashton, an officer of the Customs Department whose time to the land was set down on parchment in 1853.

The cottage was finished in 1859, and at that stage included three rooms and a detached timber kitchen.

When Ashton retired, listing his occupation as "pensioner" in 1898, his home had expanded to nine rooms.

His widow, Marion, was the owner in 1890, and she promptly set to and reduced the house to six rooms — rearranging the inside walls and pulling down several outside timber additions.

The main building is built of coarse, rough-hewn bluestone, revealing excessive use of mortar which in conjunction with movement of the soil led to some cracking.

The cracking in the walls was in the distant past, but until stability was restored recently, the sides were strengthened by heavy baulks of timber bolted through.

The present owners of the property have spent both time and money to make the cottage suitable for modern living, without destroying the lines of the important early building.

Sewerage was connected in 1918, when renovation of all Williamstown was being carried out.

Mary Elizabeth Ashton, who was the owner in 1920, was married by the Rev Frank Lynch at a ceremony that year.

Lynch was known in the district as "The Fighting Parson".

He took part in the campaign supporting conscription during the First World War and at local recruiting rallies where fights were not uncommon.

Mary Lynch was the owner of the cottage from 1890, and it passed out of the family's hands in 1958.



A Glimpse of front of cottage. Recent attractive additions — in bluestone — keep its charming character.



Uncle Tom's cafe

A place decorated to look like the home of one of America's black slaves of last century was probably Williamstown's first "restaurant".

Louis La Roche, an enterprising businessman of Williamstown, opened Uncle Tom's Cabin in February, 1955.

La Roche advertised in the Williamstown Trade Circular of the day that his cabin would serve all "food and drink available by law".

Uncle Tom's Cabin was in Melbourne Road, only a short distance from

Ferguson Street and proved to be a very popular entertainment spot.

Professor Jackson began his lectures on phrenology, the purported reading of character and sometimes the future through the study of bumps on the head, and the shape of the head — at Williamstown in 1855.

The professor gave his talks in the Victoria rooms in Little Nelson Street, a place very much in demand for meetings.

Said the learned professor "through the study of phrenology and a knowledge of himself a

man, though a fool, need not err."

The fifties were the days of the Crimean War, and a doubtful wit of the time, writing in the Trade Circular about convicts noted:

"On Monday last 315 Crimean men were taken on board the vessels (penal hulks) recently fitted up for their comfort and safety."

"Many of them appear quite young, but they are all 'tried' men, and are

not afraid of the blasting effects of powder."

"During their stay here, they are allowed to work on shore, preparing stone for public buildings and insuring themselves for future conflict. They are, however, anxious to be away."

"Their removal may bring about a death or two, where their last steps and struggles are invariably noticed in the daily newspapers."

War echoes

The Crimean War, thousands of miles away in Russia caused quite a bit of panic around Hobson's Bay in the 1850s.

Melbourne was the clearing house for the vast and flourishing gold-fields industry, and a stray miner could have caused untold damage.

So, seeing that a 24-gun battery was a ready under construction at St Kilda, another was planned for Williamstown, 3½ miles away.

Midway between the two batteries, the "St Mary's" was to be anchored as a block ship supported by the Electra.

The redoubt built at Williamstown was semi-circular and built out into the bay. It mounted six 32-pound guns and three others of smaller calibre.

The fortified area enclosed the lighthouse.

The earthworks consisted of a strong embankment of broken stone thrown into the

water in a semi-circle until it reached above the water-line.

Inside this was a second embankment of clay, and in the cavity formed was laid a solid basalt foundation covered by a floor of puddled clay.

The thing was of immense strength when judged by the military standards of the day. On these foundations the earthworks were built.

Part of those foundations are still visible. They were uncovered by a severe storm in 1935.

The parapet was 7 ft high, 18 ft wide at the summit and 26 ft wide at the base.

A magazine was constructed behind the guns and close to the light house, and this was arched with stone to make a shot and bomb-proof.

Any ship trying to attack the battery by hugging the coast would have been forced to run the gauntlet of the Point Gellibrand Reef.

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● A drawing by the renowned early Australian artist S. T. Gill entitled "River Yarra . . . Two Gentlemen Waiting to Cross the Ferry."

Sam's gravestone was forbidden

Poor Sam Boden, who had Williamstown stonemason Edwin Bliss make a special monument to go over his grave, was refused permission to bring it into the cemetery.

The inscription on the headstone read:

"Beneath this stone Sam Boden lies,
No one laughs and no one cries;
When he's gone, and how he fares,
No one knows, and no one cares."

Sam had ordered Bliss to carve the stone long before his death, but it remained in the mason's yard for many years.

History doesn't record whether the unfortunate Mr Boden had another headstone made, but the author's approval.

The original, however, was eventually knocked over by accident and shattered.

Another example of Bliss' work, however, has survived.

It is the rather extraordinary Jubilee Fountain, which stands equally in the botanic gardens off Osborne Street.

The design for the fountain was drawn by a Mrs G Daws, of Carlton, and looks something like a Japanese lantern.

Williamstown Council had it built in 1907 to

mark the jubilee of the town's founding in 1856.

Bliss carried out the construction — a handsome fountain with four columns of Gabo Island granite.

The fountain stands 1 ft high and is 5 ft 6 in. at the base.

Drinking taps were fitted to the prominent and copper drinking beakers were attached to the main structure by a heavy copper chain.

These have now been removed, along with the taps, and a bubble tap substituted.

Edwin Bliss had his workshop near the junction of Ferguson and Alton streets.

They lit a fire to catch ferry

Anyone wanting to cross the Yarra from Williamstown during the mid-1800s had first to light a fire on the river bank.

The idea was that the captain of the irregular ferry would eventually see the smoke and shuttle over to pick up his waiting passengers. In 1857 the "Yarra Ferry" River was only 25 feet wide at its central channel at the site of the former ferry dock at the river mouth.

It was fordable by horsemen at this point, but skiffs ran a ferry service — of sorts.

An eminent English geographer of the time dubbed the Yarra a "gutter" but even so the stream divided the growing city.

The easy access of the western suburbs. As time passed, the river was widened and deepened to allow increasingly larger ships to navigate into Melbourne itself.

Many short-lived ferry services operated from Williamstown from 1835.

These were usually irregular runs, and intermittent, and it wasn't until 1873 that Williamstown's council introduced "a reliable steam-ferry service".

In 1907 this was replaced by a more up-to-date ferry, and by 1912 there were two in operation — one working close to the city itself.

The ferries were considered inefficient, and the Public Works Department in 1912 studied the idea of a tunnel under the river.

Nothing came of the plan. The steam ferry recently retired, but as yet without a permanent home was first launched on March 30, 1873.

It was capable of carrying 35 vehicles. The council is divided on whether the old craft should be preserved or broken up for scrap metal.

Footnote: Five years after the new ferry was launched, the tunnel proposal was again considered, but again nothing came of the idea.

The Lower Yarra Crossing Authority now believes a tunnel "would be totally inadequate for today's traffic".

The old Town



● The "reliable steam ferry" launched by Williamstown Council in 1873 — it was the first ferry to run a regular cross-Yarra service.

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● This article by Alan Cross, taken from the Williamstown Historical Society's newsletter, recalls Port Phillip colonists' reaction to the arrival at Hobson's Bay of a ship carrying 'Pentonvillians'.

'Pentonvillians' rouse colony

Port Phillip was founded by free settlers after transportation of convicts had receded in importance, but, as it was then part of New South Wales, it was involved in the convict system.

Soon after La Trobe's appointment as superintendent of the Port Phillip settlement, the system was abolished by order-in-council, but convicts continued to arrive — settlers on the land, squatters and others wanted them — throughout his term.

After the system ceased, transportation was continued under a reformed system, felons were called "exiles".

Young men between the ages of 12 and 25, whose sentences were not more than 15 years, after serving a term elsewhere in Britain, were taken to Pentonville, then regarded as a model prison.

They were given "model training" for 18 months, and, if they showed signs of improvement, they received conditional pardons and were shipped abroad.

They then enjoyed freedom of movement provided they did not return to Britain before the end of the original sentence.

Not free

Hence the name "exile", but in fact they were not free men, being

under sentence in their own country.

The enraged colonists of Port Phillip called these men "Pentonvillians".

The "reformed" system continued through 1844, resisted by the settlers, who had formed an anti-convict league.

When a lightly "unwanted" ship, the Randolph, lumbered into Port Phillip heads with his cargo of defeat and humiliation, La Trobe sensed a crisis developing.

He intercepted the Randolph at Queenscliff, but the captain continued to sail up the bay. News of its arrival threw Melbourne into a ferment.

On August 8, 1849, the Randolph anchored in Hobson's Bay, but La Trobe forbade anyone to land and the captain was paid £500 to leave.

When another transport, the Adelaide, approached port after landing some "exiles" at Hobart, La Trobe had her turned around at the beach.

News of his action brought great feeling in his favor.

The system continued for some years but no more "exiles" came to Melbourne.

When La Trobe 'went bush'

The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Richard Bourke, named Williamstown (after King William IV) when he came to this area in 1837. He named Melbourne after the Prime Minister.

This is recalled in the latest issue of the Williamstown Historical Society's newsletter.

Captain William Lonsdale administered the Port Phillip settlement from September 1836, until October 1839.

Then Charles Joseph La Trobe took charge as superintendent of the settlement and district of Port Phillip.

The newsletter says he set aside parks for breathing space for Melbourne.

La Trobe was interested in the Fitzroy and Botanic Gardens, the University, the Melbourne Hospital and Benevolent Asylum and the

churches. He sought proper water supply — the Yan Yean Reservoir — and a bridge over the Yarra.

The bridge that eventually spanned it was one of the biggest single-span bridges in existence — an achievement for the pioneers.

His great delight was to "go bush" — his journal recorded 94 tours away.

The first Elizabeth Street post office, the first Customs House, government offices and Melbourne Market were opened in 1841 when he took his family to Williamstown for a fortnight's holiday.

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Bill Hall left his mark

Even now, 136 years after his arrival in Williamstown, the name of William Hall, and the name he gave his home, still survive.

Hall sailed into 'Town' on board the barque *Adonias* in June 1840, after the long voyage from England.

He was to become closely associated with the life of the district.

Seven years after his emigration, Hall bought 100 acres of land for £1,700 (\$22,111).

The block extended from opposite the steam ferry to Melbourne Road near Newport railway station, and there in 1848 he built his weatherboard house, complete with stone-flagged kitchen floor.

The old homestead itself stood where today the Newport power station stands.

Sitting out under the name of Mount Pleasant, the house was next known as the Hobson River Farm.

However most people in the district simply knew of the homestead and acreage as "Hall's Farm".

William Hall used his land to grow vegetables and fruit, and the Royal Agricultural Society awarded him two gold and 14 silver medals for his exhibits at the annual show.

When he sold the property in 1884 he gained more for each acre than he originally paid for the

lot. The land was sold at £117 an acre, and Hall could retire with savings of £117,000 (\$2,211,000).

The syndicate had bought the 100 acres for building blocks, and had the land surveyed. But it wasn't until 1914 that the old homestead was pulled down to make way for the power station.

William Hall died in 1889 at the age of 49 — and left his mark on five Newport Streets: William, Hal, Hobson River and Farm.

His grandson, Thomas Victor Hall, died in 1953 at the age of 81 at his home in Forrest Street Spotswood. Members of the family still live in the district.



KING'S TOWN

King William IV, known in his day as "the sailor king", is the origin of Williamstown's name. He reigned in Britain from 1830-1837 and was the uncle of Queen Victoria.

Music evening did not draw crowd

The Creation, a musical presentation held at the Mechanics' Institute in July, 1966, was not noted for its crowd-drawing potential.

Says the Williamstown Chronicle's critic:

"The performance of The Creation on Monday evening was attended by an audience more discriminating and intelligent than numerous."

"Mr David Lee both conducted and presided at the harmonium, his playing of the latter being a most masterly performance."

"Those knowing the instrument were surprised to hear so much music could be got out of it."

"We are afraid the funds of the institution will be benefited to a very limited extent."

Slipway has long link with city

Knights Slipway, in Nelson Place, Williamstown, has been part of the waterfront scene for almost 100 years.

It was originally built by one John Legg and operated in conjunction with Gunn's Slipway, a short distance away.

A fellow called Mathews then took it over for a short time before it was bought by William Knights, who operated it until his death in 1903.

His widow died in 1949 at the age of 93.

William Knights junior took over on his father's death and continued to operate and improve the yard until his death in 1960.

Five schooners, ketches and yachts were built in this yard and launched from the slipway. These included the *Delaney*, designed and built by a fellow named McKenzie.

The Knights operated a fleet across Bass Strait for many years carrying, in the closing years of its service, mainly Port Phillip.

lip shall get to provide the raw materials for lime.

The Helen Moore, one of the Knights fleet, was renamed *Thistle* for the re-enshrinement in 1934 of the Henry family's landing at Portland during the Victoria's centenary celebrations.

William Knights was not always lucky with his ships.

During the 1920s he lost the ketches *Elshire* and *Evergreen*, while trading between Williamstown and Tasmania.

In 1925 the *Delaney* was lost. It is believed this vessel went down within 24 hours of leaving South Australia with a cargo of barley.

The slipway today has been modernised and caters mainly for owners of pleasure craft and fishermen.

'Craigantina,' a site of Town history

The land where the Craigantina Buildings stand, in Nelson Place, can probably boast a more interesting past than the building itself.

The early village green was situated there, at most right from the first year of settlement.

On this spot then were the stocks — where the wrong-doers of the day were punished for minor breakings of the law.

Later the site became part of the Customs Reserve at the Aiken Street corner, where the old stone pilot's office stood until it had to be demolished for the safety of the public.

John Herbert Craig, a worthy Scot who had emigrated to Victoria, went on the goldfields and made a small fortune, then came to Williamstown in the hope of increasing his wealth.

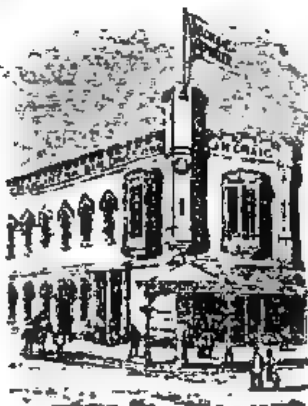
Craig became a prominent citizen and councillor of the municipality.

He bought the block of land at the corner of Thompson Street and Nelson Place and had the Craigantina Buildings erected for him in 1886.

He was a progressive stationer and book seller and used an illustration of Craigantina on many of his wares, including the Williamstown *Queensland Bank*.

Craig returned to Scotland with his family after making sufficient to assure his future security.

Craig had the two-story brick home, "Craig No. 1", at the corner of Stevedore Street and The Strand, built for him in 1876.



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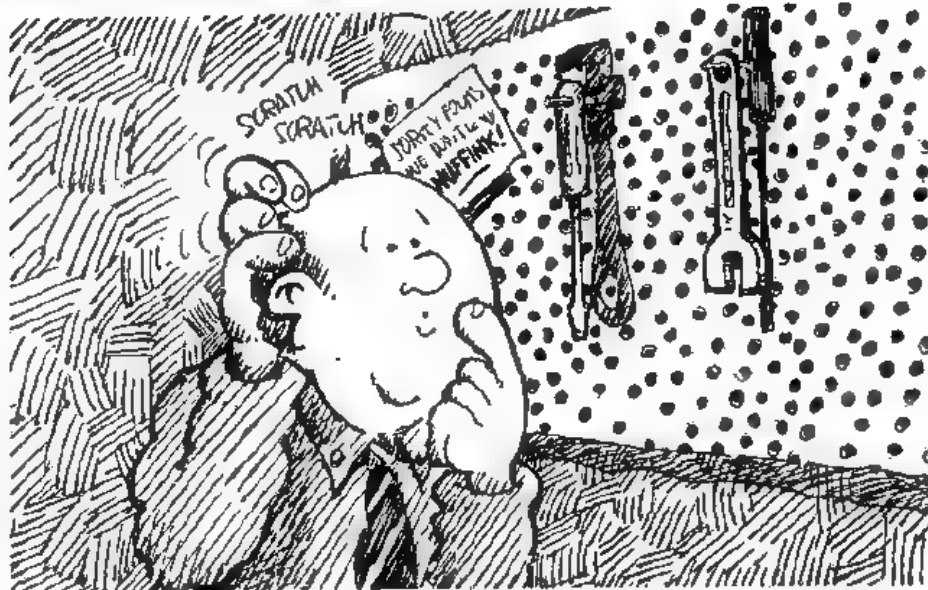
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Tactics, record win aths final

The under-15 side was the only winner for the Williamstown Amateur Athletic Club in the venue finals at the weekend.

However, it took a bit of intrigue and a record long jump from the Orchard family to organise the win.

On Friday night, Mr. Orchard worked it out that Alec Yankos and Shane Baldoock should swap places in the hurdles and shot put — which they did.

Then, coming to the last event, the long jump, Williamstown was tied with Hakoah-Ajax on 102 points.

Son, Bruce Orchard, turned in a club record to win the event and clinch the victory for the side.

Best performances: Bruce Orchard, long jump 20ft, club record; Lex Meaklim 1300 m walk, 8.53, personal best; Charlie Yankos, 90m hurdles, 14.7, personal best; Alec

Yankos, shot put, 11.82m; Shane Baldoock, javelin 35.50m; and high jump, 1.70m.

The Under 14 team was soundly beaten, but the three-man side never stopped trying.

John Martyn was in fine form breaking two club records, long jump 17ft 1in and 50m hurdles 15.3.

Brendan McKay and Darren Greaves were the other members of the team.

Sub Junior B also had problems. Lacking a couple of members of the team they were never really in the race.

Stuart Barga ran his best 200m, 14.0 to win his heat.

Chris Lowden won the long jump in 18'11 3/4" and Ross Williams ran his equal best of 2.31 in the 800m.

Sub Junior A finished a distant second to Old Xaverians.

Daryl Whitney ran his best 200m, 25.4 for third place in his heat; he also ran his best in the hurdles, 17.6. Matthew Webster ran a personal best in the same heat, 18.8.

All three 800m runners returned personal best times. Greg McKay won easily in 1:57.7, with Paul Maropoulos third in 2:44.9 and Gary Hall fifth in 2:05.8.

Greg McKay was second in the 3000m in 9:42.2.

The senior B grade side didn't do much better, finishing third, one point ahead of Footscray.

John Stewart returned 7:04.3 in the 1500m walk, and Shane Dooley ran 57.4 in the 400m hurdles. He later ran 16.4 for the high hurdles. Brian Davidson ran 16.2 in the high hurdles and won the long jump with a leap of 22'8 3/4".

Terry Phelan ran 1:57.6 for the 800m and John Handley was 1:50.7 for the 800m. Barry Wheat ran 16.2, 25.7 and 16.2 respectively in the 5000m.

REBELS JUST MAKE IT

In round 12 of the Western Suburbs Badminton Association, Rebels just beat Scots in B3 grade to stay in second place while top team Yarraville Methodist had an easy win against East Kellor.

A Grade: WHS Destroyers 12/183 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 4/153. Williamstown Methodist Purple 12/207 d. St. Andrew's Williamstown 14/192 d. Sunshine Methodist Gold 0/0. Williamstown 11: Williamstown Methodist 7/157 d. Newport Presbyterian 4/152; East Kellor 7/152 d. Sunshine Blue 4/147; Laverton High School 11/189 d. Sunshine Red 0/0.

B2: Newport Presbyterian 10/184 d. WHS

Voyagers 1/87; North Essendon Presbyterian 1/189 d. WHS Derwent 0/0; RAAF 7/157 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 4/150. B3: Tullamarine 6/159 d. YMCA 2/140; Rebels 6/146 d. Scots 5/139; Sunshine 8/160 d. Newport Presbyterian 3/145; Yarraville Methodist 9/130 d. East Kellor 2/119. C1: Gisborne 6/158 d. Tullamarine 5/153; Strathmore High School 8/163 d. East Kellor 3/143; Williamstown Methodist 10/186 d. RAAF 1/118.

C2: East Kellor 8/173 d. WHS Flanders 3/125; Laverton High School 9/183 d. Yarraville Methodist 2/116; North Essendon Presbyterian 7/167 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 4/155; Diggers d. Laverton Memorial w/o.

C3: Sunshine 11/189 d. RAAF 0/88; Strathmore High School 11/189 d. East Kellor 0/88; North Essendon Presbyterian 1/91 Try Youth Tigers d. WHS Arrows w/o.

D1: Newport Presbyterian 7/156 d. Gisborne White 4/140; Gisborne Blue 8/157 d. RAAF 3/127; North Essendon Presbyterian 9/179 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 2/105. D2: Strathmore High School Lancers 10/185 d. YMCA 1/70; WHS Cerberus 10/188 d. North Essendon Presbyterian 1/91 Try Youth Tigers d. WHS Arrows w/o.

Frazer takes ANA bats to the lead

After compiling 9/232, Newport ANA Firsts are in a strong position against La Trobe University.

ANA won the toss and batted but wickets fell steadily until the score stood at 5/33.

An even-time innings of 77 n.o. by John Fraser, which included 11 fours and a six, helped bring the batsmen back on top.

Other run-getters were John Beckett, 68, and Geoff Horsburgh 31.

ANA is toying with La Trobe for a final berth.

Altona batted first and declared at 7/146 in an effort to force an outright.

ANA wicket-takers were McDonald, three, Enright, two, Leathers and Neville, one each.

ANA hit back with 1/0. Highlight was the partnership by the McDonald Brothers Peter, 38, and David, 37 n.o.

ANA is on the brink of defeat in the final match against the powerful Williamstown CYMS.

ANA managed 45 runs and captain Brett McTaggart, with 23 was the only one to reach double figures.

In reply, CYMS is 3/70.

ANA's dramatic position has been caused largely by the opposition player, Bill Marr. He took 8/14 and then scored a stylish 40 runs.

Williamstown was 2/30 at 6 p.m. Phil McTaggart 17 and Gary Lang 10 were the batsmen to be dismissed. Park on one and David Jordan three were the overnight bats.

The thirds must win outright to get into the four and they look like doing so in their game at Fitzroy.

Dave Thom won the home side in and his judgement proved right as he had them all out for 108.

Gary Brennan took 3/22, Peter Truettner 3/20 and Dave Thom 2/16.

Williamstown declared at 5/122 with Gary Metty batting through 36 not out.

Bob Penrose made 35, Andy Davis 20 and Trevor Smith 21. Fitzroy batted again and was 2/13 at stumps.

Gary Brennan took 1/7 and one of his victims was caught brilliantly by Seven Taaffe.

This is the second week in a row that Taaffe has taken an astonishing catch.

Young David Jordan paired with golfer Roy Patton were the golfers of the day at Kooringal.

Women beat AWMC

The Altona women bowlers' D1 team beat the Altona Working Men's Club 44-40 at the weekend.

All lost to Rosamond 87-101, with the best rink led by R. Fisher winning 36-18. B2 lost to West Coburg 83-94, but T. Mitchell's rink won 35-14.

Women's bowls

Altona Working Men's Club women's outdoor bowls members held their annual gala day earlier this month.

After play-off to yardsticks, A. Klemm's team from Newport was awarded the winning trophies. A. Carr's team from Altona Bowling Club took the runners-up trophy.

Pennant results, February 2: C1 beat Sunshine VRI by 50 shots; D1 had a bye. February 12: C1 beat City of Melbourne by 10 shots and D1 beat Williamstown 3 by one shot.

Bully for the boys

Altona will meet St. Kilda in the grand final of the summer hockey competition.

The boys, from A reserve, beat Fairfield in the semi-final 2-1. Best players were S. Taylor, B. Smith and A. Chellis, and goals were hit by Chellis and G. Richardson.

Coach, Rick Purser and his selectors believe Altona will be a real force in A2 winter hockey.

Table tennis: WHS stars

Results: A Reserve No. 2: WHS Destroyers 9 (Barry Oldham 3, L. Luciano Azzopardi 3, David Elmslie 2, doubles 1 d. Commodores 2).

Deferred match WHS Destroyers 8 (Barry Oldham 3, Luciano Azzopardi 3, David Elmslie 2, doubles 1 d. Altona West 2).

B Grade: WHS Nileen 7 (Paul Miles 3, Gary Richardson 3, doubles 2 d. Midway 4, WHS Aachos 6 (Guido Azzopardi 3, Gary Heffernan 2, Nick de Pina 1, doubles 1 d. Footscray YMCA Red 5).

C2: WHS Halloran 7 (Tommy Chan 3, Geoff Van Wyngaerden 2, doubles 1 d. Newport Post Office 4).

C3: Corrugated Elbow Containers 6 (WHS Playboys 5 (Terry Fogarty 2, Andrew Gibson 2, doubles 1).

D1: WHS Mafia 11 (Michael Ford 3, Chris Elliott 3, Claudio Azzopardi 3, doubles 2 d. Celtic 0). D2: WHS Cuthbert 11 (Peter Nedelkovic 3, Jason Warland 3, Rob Gaggno 3, doubles 2 d. Tui's Zephyrs 6, Altona 4 d. WNS Cordell 5 (Peter

David 2, Ian Pike 2, John Kasal 1).

D3: WHS Moes 11 (Ian Kenins 3, Kevin Innes 3, Paul Malignerog 3, doubles 2 d. Dona 4, Footscray YMCA orange 6 d. WHS Forecast 5 (Len Carter 2, Ron Sharple 1, Alan Milburn 1, doubles 1).

E1: WHS Realities 11 (Anthony Watts 3, David Doord 3, Curt Ainslie 2, doubles 2 d. WUFC B O. WHS Texans 11 (Leanne Addison 3, Carolyn Porter 3, Nick De Pins 3, doubles 2 d. West Players O. WHS Marijanna 7 (Greg Clark 2, Arthur Tsabakis 2, Elias Byrgotis 1, doubles 2) d. Seabrooks 4, WHS Dykes 9 (Jim Clerk 3, GAVIN Erickson 2, Peter Fullwood 2, doubles 2) d. WHS Seagulls 2 (Ian Birch 2).

Williamstown High School Table Tennis Club was very successful in round 13 of the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association's summer pennant.

Bowlers score

The Williamstown Bowling Club had a successful round last Saturday with three teams recording good wins.

Only side in loss was B5 who went down, 73-129, against City of Melbourne.

All ranks were down.

A4 d. Footscray RSL 124-85. Best rink: A. Richards, R. White, L. Parker, A. Hewel; 40-12.

Reserve 3 d. Rundoora, 115-91. Best rink: R. Williams, S. McCallum, J. Evans, J. De Piazza; 35-19.

B3 d. Footscray Park, 27-84. Best rink: A. Ford, A. Parker, G. Hill, A. Asher; 29-13.

Spoon winners: A. Hewel's rink.

Newport baseballers play for Victoria

WITH "HOOK"

Newport Baseball Club pitcher, Rick Bunting, and short stop, Geoff Lynch, have been selected to represent Victoria against Tasmania on Sunday and Monday, March 7 and 8.

Sunday saw the last of the home and home games of summer baseball in what must be the most farcical season on record.

So many games were taken from winning teams for playing ineptible players. The final four does not see that best teams

competing.

Unless this ridiculous eight-game qualifying rule is changed, next season's summer pennant will be struggling to get enough teams to form a competition.

Results: Newport A beat Newport B 10-4. WNS Newport B 7, Newport A stages, 1

8. Safe Hits: R. team, Duggan 3, Ivey 2, James and Merriman one each. A team, M. Bunting, Cromwell 2, Forrester, Lynch, Thompson, Minnie, Bell, B. Bunting, one each.

The A team was on top early, but became complacent in the latter stages, 1

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